



# *Russian Hill*

*Neighbors*

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# Our Mission



Russian Hill Neighbors (RHN) is a voice for residents and merchants to preserve and advance neighborhood character and quality of life through collaboration, volunteerism, and celebration of community.

- Founded in 1981.
- Almost 700 dues paying members including individual, senior, dual and merchant.
- 1300 subscribers to our Newsletter

# Our Committees

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- Communications/Marketing Committee
- Design, Zoning and Land Use (DZLU) Committee
- Families
- History
- Local Business
- Membership
- Neighborhood Enhancement
- Parks
- Safety
- Social
- Transportation

# Success Stories Across Committees

## Neighborhood Enhancement

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Promote improvement of the physical environment and serve as liaison with City and other government agencies and commissions, foster a neighborhood spirit to improve the quality of life for people who reside and work here and monitor the maintenance and improvement of the city's infrastructure.

### Monthly Cleanup Events:

- CLEAN UP AND SMILE:
  - Socialize over coffee and donut holes
  - Clean up
  - Thank you Treats from local merchants: Swensen's Ice Cream, Za Pizza, Cheese Plus, Nick's Crispy Taco, Shanghai Kelly's, Teaspoon, Fueling Station, Gastrobot Eats.
  - We promote our events thru RHN, Refuse Refuse and TogetherSF.
  - We encourage use of 311 by phone or app for all.



# Activism

- **Mechanical Street Cleaning**

- Meetings with DPW to add street cleaning without the requirement of petitions.

- **Doggie Do**

- Because of too much dog poo on the streets and in planters, we surveyed our community. Dog owners said... "*We Need More Trash Cans!*"
- We carry orange chalk everywhere and circle doggie do left behind with the word NO!.
- We've created a sign **What's Up Dog?** transparency for city-wide use if requested.

- **Trash Cans**

- We mapped locations of all trash cans. Requested trash receptacles in specific locations with a goal to have a can within 3 blocks of all residents or visitor. 7 of the 15 were approved and installed!

- **Cigarette Litter**

- We have teamed-upped with Refuse Refuse and NSAC to research ways to eliminate toxic cigarette waste. We have reached out to public officials from our Supervisor Peskin to Senator Weiner to Assemblyman Ting, to City Attorney David Chiu. Once we identify a path forward, such as banning cigarette filters or categorizing cigarette litter in the EPR program, we will reach out for your support!



# BottleBank Program

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The BottleBank program is an innovative CRV recycling program in San Francisco that uses specially made bags with barcodes that can be linked to customer accounts.

1. REGISTER: Download the app.
2. BAG IT: Collect beverage containers in the BottleBank blue bag. Available for free at the Marina and Embarcadero Safeway Bottle Bank Kiosks on Wednesdays between 9-4 PM
3. DROP OFF BAGS same time, same place
4. VALUE IT: You'll receive electronic notice of how much CRV you've earned within 72 hours
5. REDEEM IT: Link the app to your bank account or e-wallet.

<https://sfbottlebank.org/create-account/>

# Parks

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With monthly events, the Parks team installs native plants to feed our ecosystem, removes invasive plants, beautifies the neighborhood and supports local public school green spaces as ecosystem learning opportunities.

RHN selects native plants based on recommendations from the California Native Plant Society – Yerba Buena (San Francisco) (CNPS-YB) chapter.

We work with SF Parks&Rec. Dept., PUC on the Lombard Reservoir/Sterling Park and DPW to make the areas safe and more enjoyable.



# Social



**Bringing members together and providing opportunities to get to know your neighbors**

- **Annual Member Gatherings**

- Annual meeting
- Summer Picnic
- Holiday party

- **Cheers Events**

- Happy Hour for members at various local bars & restaurants. A chance to socialize, meet new members and possibly discover a new local business.

- **Polk Street Spooktacular Halloween Event**

- Trick or Treating with the Polk Street Merchants. In partnership with Discover Polk CBD and Lower Polk we put on a party for kids and families in Helen Wills Park. Last year included bouncy houses, a band and lots of candy!



# Historic Preservation



- Nomination of three Historic Districts to the National Register of Historic Places
  - Vallejo Crest, Paris Block (1000 Block of Green)
  - Macondray Lane
  - Historic Green Street Firehouse – 1986-87
- Support of North Beach Historic Context Statement – 2022
- Support of initiation of landmark status for the Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples at 2041 Larkin Street – 2023
- Support of Macondray Lane Historic Entry Structure Project – 2023